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In the application of:

Hong CHEN et al.

Serial No.: 09/361,669

Filing Date: July 27, 1999

For: SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR
FORMING A SERVO PATTERN ON A
MAGNETIC TAPE

Examiner: B. D. Pianalto

Group Art Unit: 1762

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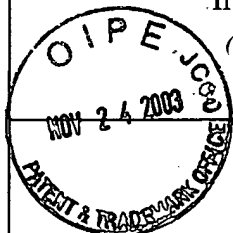
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